IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A resin composition comprising:

a biodegradable polysaccharide containing at least one of acetyl cellulose and esterified starch;

a flame retardant additive containing ~~a hydroxide and~~ a nitrogen oxide compound and a hydroxide; and

a hydrolysis suppressing agent suppressing the hydrolysis of said biodegradable polysaccharide,

wherein,

the resin composition is flame retardant,

said nitrogen oxide compound is in an amount of 1 to 50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of said biodegradable polysaccharide, and

said hydroxide is in an amount of 20 to 120 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of said biodegradable polysaccharide.

2. (Currently Amended) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said biodegradable polysaccharide further comprises at least one of ~~is~~ cellulose, starch, chitin, chitosan, dextran, one of derivatives thereof, or a copolymer containing at least one thereof.

3. (Previously Presented) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydroxide includes at least a metal hydroxide.

4. (Previously Presented) The resin composition according to claim 3 wherein said metal hydroxide is selected from the group consisting of aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide or calcium hydroxide.

5. (Previously Presented) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydroxide has purity not less than 99.5%.

6. (Previously Presented) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydroxide is in the form of particles with a BET specific surface area not higher than 5.0 m2/g.

7. (Previously Presented) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydroxide has an average particle size not higher than 100 μm.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said nitrogen oxide is a non-metallic nitric acid compound and/or a non-metallic nitrous acid compound.

11. (Previously Presented) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein the average particle size of said nitrogen oxide compound is not larger than 100 μm.

12. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydrolysis suppressing agent is a carbodiimide compound, an isocyanate compound or an oxazoline compound.

13. (Withdrawn) A molded product obtained on molding a resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing a hydroxide and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one biodegradable polysaccharide.

14. (Withdrawn) An electrical product including, as a constituent element thereof, a molded product obtained on molding a resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing a hydroxide and a hydrolysis suppressing

agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one biodegradable polysaccharide.

15. (Withdrawn) The electrical product according to claim 14 wherein said constituent element is a casing.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for the preparation of a resin composition comprising mixing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing a hydroxide, and a hydrolysis suppressing agent suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.

17. (Withdrawn) A resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing at least one of an inorganic flame retardant compound, a boric acid based flame retardant compound, a halogen-based flame retardant compound, an organic flame retardant compound, a colloid-based flame retardant compound and a nitrogen-based flame retardant compound, and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.

18. (Withdrawn) The resin composition according to claim 17 wherein said polysaccharide is cellulose, starch, chitin, chitosan, dextran, one of derivatives thereof, or a copolymer containing at least one thereof.

19. (Withdrawn) The resin composition according to claim 17 wherein said hydrolysis suppressing agent is a carbodiimide compound, an isocyanate compound or an oxazoline compound.

20. (Withdrawn) A molded product obtained on molding a resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing at least one of an inorganic flame retardant compound, a boric acid based flame retardant compound, a halogen-based flame retardant compound, an organic flame retardant compound, a colloid-based flame retardant compound and a nitrogen-based flame retardant compound, and a hydrolysis

suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.

21. (Withdrawn) An electrical product including, as a constituent element thereof, a molded product obtained on molding a resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing at least one of an inorganic flame retardant compound, a boric acid based flame retardant compound, a halogen-based flame retardant compound, an organic flame retardant compound, a colloid-based flame retardant compound and a nitrogen-based flame retardant compound, and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.

22. (Withdrawn) The electrical product according to claim 21 wherein said constituent element is a casing.

23. (Withdrawn) A method for the preparation of a resin composition comprising mixing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing at least one of an inorganic flame retardant compound, a boric acid based flame retardant compound, a halogen-based flame retardant compound, an organic flame retardant compound, a colloid-based flame retardant compound and a nitrogen-based flame retardant compound, and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.